



Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → ☐

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO				Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)				Application Number	Unassigned
				Filing Date	April 24, 2001
				First Named Inventor	Kazuo Nishiyama
				Group Art Unit	Unassigned
				Examiner Name	Unassigned
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	075834.00071

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)			
	US1	5942578		Noguchi et al.	8/24/1999	
	US2	6518662		Smith et al.	2/11/2003	
	US3	2001/0018229		Kato et al.	8/30/2001	
	US4	6555906		Towle et al.	4/29/2003	
	US5	6344401		Lam	2/5/2002	
	US6	5989982		Yoshikazu	11/23/1999	
	US7	6174751		Oka	1/16/2001	
	US8	6291884		Glenn et al.	9/18/2001	
	US9	6348728		Aiba et al.	2/19/2002	
	US10	2001/0039078		Schroen	11/8/2001	
	US11					
	US12					
	US13					
	US14					
	US15					
	US16					
	US17					
	US18					
	US19					
	US20					

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Office ³	Number ⁴ (if known)				
	F1	JP	2001-110828	Hirokyu et al	4/20/2001		
	F2	JP	05-055278	Tomonori	5/03/1993		
	F3						
	F4						
	F5						
	F6						
	F7						
	F8						
	F9						
	F10						

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	11/26/05
-----------------------	--	--------------------	----------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.